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PARIS FOR USOECD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CSCE, PARM, MPOL

SUBJECT: CSCE CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES: PRIOR NO-
TIFICATION OF MILITARY MANEUVER CARBON EDGE

REFS: (A) STATE 186715 (NOTAL) (B) USNATO 7485

1. ADRESSEE POSTS HAVE DELIVERED TO GOVERNMENTS TO
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ON CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES (CBM'S) OF THE FINAL ACT
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AUGUST 23.

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ALLIES HAVE AGREED TO ACCEPT NATO CONSULTATIONS AS PRIOR

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(COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRO-CONFIDENTIAL

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